

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following paragraph, marked to show changes:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application entitled "Techniques for Implementing Pluggable Virtual Machines," now U.S. Patent No. 6,651,080, by Sheng Liang et al., filed on December 16, 1998 (U.S. Application No. 09/216,020), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/104,619 filed on October 16, 1998, which is incorporated by reference herein.